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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PROGRESS REPORT

Projects Completed
(since 31 Jan.)

1. IAC-D-12: "Intelligence Objectives in the Field of Atomic Energy." Approved 8 February 1951.

Projects in Process

A. National Intelligence Estimates

2. NIE-6: "Iran's Position in the East-West Conflict." The contributions of IAC agencies (State and Army) were received by 30 January. A draft is in preparation in the Office of National Estimates.

3. NIE-9: "Turkey's Position in the World Balance of Power." Pursuant to discussions held with the IAC representatives on 9 February, a revised draft, approved by the National Estimates Board, is ready for circulation to the IAC for consideration.

4. NIE-13: "Prospects for the Creation of an Adequate Western European Defense." A draft, prepared in the Office of National Estimates on the basis of contributions by the IAC agencies but without benefit of Joint Staff operational information, was reviewed by the National Estimates Board on 12 February. Final revisions are being made prior to its circulation to the IAC agencies for review.

5. NIE-19: "Feasibility of Japanese Rearmament and Alignment with the United States." A draft, based on the contributions of the IAC agencies, has been prepared. The National Estimates Board on 13 February deferred consideration of this draft until it has been apprised of results of the Dulles mission.

6. NIE-20: "Consequences in Mainland Southeast Asia (Thailand, Malaya, Burma) of Communist Control of Indochina." IAC representatives met on 17 January and agreed on terms of reference. Contributions were due by 31 January. On 31 January, Army (who is coordinating

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the contributions of the defense agencies) requested and was granted an extension until 7 February. State contribution was received 1 February. Army contribution received 9 February. A draft is in preparation in the Office of National Estimates.

7. NIE-22: "Vulnerability of the Soviet Bloc to Economic Warfare." Pursuant to discussions held with the IAC representatives on 7 February, a revised draft, approved by the National Estimates Board, was circulated to the IAC agencies on 9 February inviting further comment by the 12th. In view of prospective NSC action at an early date on this subject matter, a draft will be submitted by the National Estimates Board to the IAC for early consideration.

8. NIE-23: "India's Position in the East-West Conflict." Office of National Estimates drafting terms of reference.

9. NIE-24: "German Attitude towards Remilitarization." National Estimates Board approved terms of reference on 26 January. These were sent to the IAC agencies on the 27th, and considered by the IAC representatives on 1 February. Contributions from State and Army were due and received on 9 February. On 10 February, Air Force notified the Office of National Estimates that it would forward a supplementary contribution by the 13th. A draft is in preparation in the Office of National Estimates.

10. NIE-25: "Soviet Intentions with Respect to General War." In connection with preliminary work on a revision of NIE-3, the Office of National Estimates on 10 February requested the IAC agencies, Office of Research and Reports, and Office of Scientific Intelligence to furnish certain data by 5 March.

11. NIE-26: "Key Problems in the Near and Middle East Affecting US Security Interests." National Estimates Board approved terms of reference on 25 January. These were distributed to the IAC agencies on the 26th, for consideration at a meeting held on 2 February. Contributions by Army, Navy, and Air Force are due Friday, 16 February.

12. NIE-27: "Chinese Communist Capabilities and Intentions with Respect to Taiwan." Pursuant to the action of the IAC at its meeting on 25 January, the National Estimates Board circulated draft terms of reference which IAC representatives considered on 7 February. Contributions from State and Navy (coordinating Defense agencies) are due on Monday, 19 February.

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13. NIE-28: "Likely Soviet Tactics in a Prospective CFM." Dr. Langer agreed that in view of nature and urgency of project State would submit a draft to the Office of National Estimates. Mr. Harvey of OIR reported on 12 February that draft would reach the Office of National Estimates on the 13th.

14. NIE-29: "Yugoslavia." The estimate was undertaken as a matter of urgency at the request of State. A meeting of IAC representatives was held on 1 February, at which time the terms of reference were agreed upon and State and Army undertook to have contributions on 6 February. Contributions of Army, Navy, and Air Force were received on the 7th; State contribution was received on the 9th. A draft is in preparation in the Office of National Estimates.

15. NIE-30: "Soviet Capabilities to Interfere with US Delivery of Atomic Weapons to Targets in the USSR." Pursuant to action of IAC at its meeting on 8 February, Air Force is preparing a draft based on Senator McMahon's request, for subsequent consideration by the IAC representatives.

B. Other Items of Concern to the Committee

16. NIS

Problem: To examine the necessity and the means of intensifying the National Intelligence Survey production program in order to meet imminent requirements for basic intelligence.

Status: Considered in the IAC on 8 February; various action assignments made (IAC-M-19). Scheduled for reconsideration in IAC at an early date.

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18. Biographic Intelligence

Problem: To recommend the most effective biographic facility for the Federal Intelligence System.

Status: Survey of agency holdings is in progress.
Awaiting reports of survey from State, Air Force
and FBI.

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